(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली पुलिस ने केन्द्र सरकार से राशन भत्ते की मांग की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) पुलिस की मांग के अनुसार सरकार को सालाना कितनी राशि राशन भत्ते के रूप में देनी पड़ेगी;

(घ) क्या सरकार, पुलिस की जिम्मेदारियों को ध्यान में रखते हुए इस मांग को स्वीकार कर रही है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(च) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी. एम. सईद): (क) से (च) राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र, दिल्ली की सरकार द्वारा दिल्ली पुलिस के अराजपत्रित स्टाफ को राशन भत्ता देने के संबंध में एक प्रस्ताव केन्द्र सरकार को भेजा गया था। उसकी जांच की गई थी तथा वित्तीय अभाव के कारण जून, 1994 में उसे अस्वीकार कर दिया गया था।

यह भी निर्णय लिया गया था कि इस मामले पर सम्पूर्ण रूप से विचार करने के लिए उसे पांचवे वेतन आयोग को भेज दिया जाए।

यदि यह प्रस्ताव स्वीकार कर लिया जाता है तो इस पर कुल वित्तीय लागत 13.21 करोड़ रूपये प्रतिवर्ष आएगी।

Handling over the Oil Gas Fields to Private and Foreign Companies

1611. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria according to which proven oil and gas fields opened up by the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation are proposed to be handed over to private including foreign companies;

(b) whether open competitive bidding is followed in the matter; and

(c) how many such oil and gas fields have been handed over till now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Government of India invites offers from Indian & foreign companies for development of discovered oil/gas fields following a Global competitive bidding procedure. The major criteria adopted for selection of successful bidders for awarding contracts are:—

— Financial and technical competence of the bidder.

— Work programme with a firm estimate of captial expenditure.

— Payment of statutory levies.

— The share of project net present value accruing to the Government and ONGC/ OIL.

(c) Under the first offer of fields in 1992, contracts for 12 small sized and five medium sized fields have been signed.

Non-Payment of Wages to DTC Employees

1612. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news reported in "The Times of India" dated the 26th July, 1995 that recently DTC employees supported by a majority of trade unions, planned a march to Parliament in protest against the irregular payment of their wages;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government to resolve their problems in regard to the irregular payments of wages; and

(c) what is the expenditure involved in meeting their genuine demands and steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The salaries are paid every month to the workers of the D.T.C. However, due to paucity of funds the employees have not been made any payment on account of Interim relief and D.A. arrears. The expenditure involved to meet this liability, as on date is given below:—

1. DA/IR Arrear	Rs. 10.65 crores.
2. Bonus/Ex-gratia for 1993-94	Rs. 4.00 crores.